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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

X Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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## **RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of May 19, 2006, the instant response being submitted by the two month date after final rejection, i.e., by July 19, 2006, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.